

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/715,096

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE with IDS filed 6/16/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 17, 24, 36, 37, 39-56 and 58-64.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 6/16/2006
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In abstract:

In line 2, replace "comprising" with --including--.

In claims:

Claim 24, in line 8, replace "a pole-like object" with --the pole-like object--.

Claim 46, in line 5, replace "a pole-like object" with --the pole-like object--.

Claim 61, in line 9, replace "a pole" with --the pole--.

Claim 62, in line 1, replace "the light(s)" with --the light source(s)--.

Claim 63, in line 1, replace "the light(s)" with --the light source(s)--.

2. Claims 1-15, 17, 24, 36, 37, 39-56 and 58-64 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claim 1, a light for an umbrella pole comprises, in combination, a body having a light source and a clamping device, which has a gripping surface and a spring located between an inner surface of the body and the gripping surface; the spring configures to resiliently urge the gripping surface into engagement with the umbrella pole.

Claims 2-15 are dependent on claim 1.

Claim 17, a light for an umbrella pole comprises, in combination, a body having a light source and a clamping device, which has a gripping surface and a resilient member located between an inner sidewall surface of the body and the gripping surface; at least a portion of the clamping device being movable relative to the sidewall surface between an extended position and a range of clamping positions, the clamping positions being located between the extended position and the sidewall surface, the resilient member urging the gripping surface toward the extended position, whereby the light can be self-supported on the umbrella pole(s) of different size(s).

Claims 53-56 and 58-60 are dependent on claim 17.

Claim 24, a lighting device suitable for mounting around a pole comprises, in combination, a base part and a light source; the base part including a first base part pivotably coupled with a second base part, the first and second base parts being divided so that each has an inner sidewall surface, the sidewall surfaces forming a through hole to encircle the pole, the sidewall surfaces having a recess formed therein, the base part(s) having a clamp including a gripping surface and a resilient member located in the recess, the gripping surface being movable relative to the sidewall surface between an extended position and a range of clamping positions, the clamping positions being located between the extended position and the sidewall surface, the resilient member urging the gripping surface toward the extended position, whereby the light can be self-supported on the umbrella pole(s) of different size(s).

Claims 36,37 and 39-52 are dependent on claim 24.

Claim 61, a light for mounting around a pole comprises, in combination, a clamshell housing including a first portion pivotably coupled with a second portion, the first/second portions having a first/second inner sidewall surfaces and a first lateral surfaces extending outwardly from the inner sidewall surfaces to an outer periphery of the clamshell housing, the first and second portions defining an opening to receive the pole, and a clamp extending in a direction from one of the inner sidewall surfaces with spring-biased force to engage the pole so that the light is self-supported thereon and the clamp being biased to be able to engage pole(s) of different size(s).

Claims 62-64 are dependent on claim 61.

The limitations discussed above are neither disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bao Q. Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2383. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:00 AM - 4:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra L. O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Anthony Ward', written in a cursive style.

JOHN ANTHONY WARD
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